

Clark's Chances For Presidential Nomination Grow Brighter

HASCHAMP CLARK "PUT ONE OVER?"

Delegates Seem to Believe He Has, With Assistance of Tammany.

BRYAN'S HOLD SHOWN

He Is Listened To, While Parker Can't Even Deliver "Keynote" Speech.

BY P. H. MCGOWAN.
Baltimore, June 25.—No day of the entire convention, no matter how long it lasts, could have been more important to the members of the Virginia delegation than today. They were early on hand at Convention Hall. They realized that in all probability the result of the convention and the fate of several candidates would hang on today's deliberations, and they were not disappointed.

A more determined set of delegates probably never attended a similar convention before. They were forced to business almost before they had finished breakfast this morning, discussing on today's work and getting a general line on the situation, prepared for whatever might happen. Little else than business was indulged in, and from now on it will be business all the way through until the chairman's gavel falls for the last time.

When the Virginians retired to their headquarters at the Hotel Rennett tonight it was after several hours spent in close studying. The questions are being asked: What effect has today's work had on the general situation? What are Underwood's chances? Will Wilson come to the scratch, and has Champ Clark "put one over" on his opponents? Will the aid of the mighty and resourceful Tammany organization?

The latter idea seemed to take possession of the 15,000 or more persons seated in convention hall to-day when Congressman Fitzgerald, one of Tammany's bravest, arose to speak. He was not howled down because he never had a chance to get a start. Many a man is howled down, but there was nothing of this kind with Mr. Fitzgerald. The people just would not hear him.

Added to this is the fact that a moment later when the big hall had been restored to order the same crowd gave Judge Parker exactly the same treatment. There apparently had been a lightning-like turn of mind and sentiment with the thousands of persons in the hall when the vote was taken and found to be against Bryan and unmistakably in favor of Parker, and whatever combination Champ Clark has made, if any, with Tammany.

Such a situation as this was evidence of one thing at least. It showed the big hold that Bryan has on the people and that realizing that possibly they had been made the victims of a political combination, they would not hesitate to resent it.

Opposition may be expressed against Bryan for attempting to dictate to the national committee whom it should choose for temporary chairman, one thing stands out boldly that, at least he spoke to the big audience to-day and had its attention more than once, while the man who was fighting was not given the chance this afternoon to make the much talked of "keynote" speech.

That speech, it must be remembered, was one of the big features of today's program, and when it was marked off temporarily because the man who was to deliver it, the incident is worth more than passing notice.

Both the Virginia Senators, Martin and Swanson, are among the most conspicuous at the convention. In keeping with the usual custom they are saying little, but one need not forget that they are close students of the situation and there is little that will get by them.

Representative Carlin and other well known Virginians were among those who came over to-day. Early trains from Washington brought their full loads of Old Dominion men who are going to stay here and see the job of nominating a Democratic candidate properly done.

To-morrow will be one of the big days and to-night the Virginians are resting in view of the heavy work before them.

The second place talk has been heard to-day. In fact, it is more than likely that if one of the presidential candidates could be induced to take second place that might be done, but there are few who wish to play "second fiddle" in this case. The material must be looked for after the work of to-morrow is done, and possibly earlier when the delegates recover from to-day's efforts, the vice-presidential situation will be gone into, and the speaker, the situation should be speedily handled.

PARKER FORGIVES BRYAN'S REMARKS

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The band was anxious to please, and drifted from "Moonlight Bay" to Von Suppe's overture from "Wilhelm Tell." Scattered handclaps greeted Chairman Parker as he made his way up the middle aisle through the groups of delegates.

The soft rain that fell at intervals all day set in again toward midnight, adding to the humid heat, and the atmosphere of the hall was oppressive. As a result delegates and spectators slipped off their coats and rolled up their sleeves, ready for the night's work. The bright glare of the flickering electric lights added to the oppressive heat.

The delegates began to crowd in about 8:30 o'clock, and in a few minutes the aisles were in confusion. The sergeants-at-arms tried in vain to get the delegates seated. Many of them wanted to visit and converse, and they thought the aisle the proper place to do it. Finally four policemen were placed in each aisle to keep the crowd moving.

At 8:25 Chairman Mack dropped his gavel and the night session was on. The Rev. William D. D. of the

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CARDINAL GIBBONS DELIVERED PRAYER



Baltimore, June 25.—Cardinal Gibbons delivered the invocation at the opening to-day of the Democratic National Convention. He spoke as follows:

"We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion, by a faithful execution of the laws of justice and mercy and by restraining Vice and Immorality.

"Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of this convention and shine forth in all its proceedings and enactments, so that they may tend to the pervasion of peace and good will and the preservation of concord and harmony.

"May the delegates assembled to out despotism, and liberty prevail throughout these United States. May this convention demonstrate once more to the American people and to the world at large that the citizens of the United States have solved the problem of self-government by exercising and tolerating the broadest and most untrammelled freedom of discussion in their political assemblies, without destroying reason and without invading the sacred and inviolable domain of law and of public order.

"May the delegates assembled to select a candidate for Chief Magistrate of the same heavenly Father; that they are the brothers of the same national family; that they are fellow-citizens of the same glorious republic; that they are joint heirs of the same heritage of freedom, and may it be their highest ambition to transmit this precious inheritance unimpaired to their children and their children's children. May the consciousness of their duty to their country and to their fellow-citizens inspire them with sentiments of genuine charity, benevolence and mutual respect and forbearance.

"I recommend likewise to Thy unbending mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctification in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and give, and after enjoying the blessings of this life they may be admitted to those which are eternal."

His vote for that great leader for chairman of that committee.

No Reactionaries Now.

My fellow-citizens, there are no reactionaries; whatever they may have been once, there are none now. The Democrats are progressive. Now it may possibly be true that here in this great convention, with all these able men coming from every section of the country, I say it may be true that all of you will not be able to agree at once that a single highway constitutes the only road to progress, but you will all agree upon this one proposition that the voice of the majority of this convention, speaking and by the adoption of the committee's report by the convention, shall speak the will of every Democrat in this land."

When Parker referred to the Democratic tariff bill, there arose a shout of "Underwood, Underwood."

In reply came a yell from the Clark supporters: "Champ Clark is the boy that did it."

"Well, I'm not going into that," said Parker, with a smile, and went on with his speech.

Judge Parker concluded at 9:13, and was given a round of applause. Before the applause had died away, the routine proceedings were gotten underway. A resolution, introduced by Joseph E. Bell, of Indiana, provided that the rules of the last Democratic convention should govern this year's convention. The resolution went through under the gavel.

On motion of George W. Greene, of Rhode Island, the usual committees were provided for. An effort was made to announce 10 o'clock as the hour for the committees to meet.

No Perkins to Pay Board.

"We have no Perkins to pay our board," volunteered a Texas delegate. After a short argument, it was decided to have the committees meet immediately after adjournment to-night.

An attempt to adjourn the convention until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon failed, and at 9:31 an adjournment was had until noon to-morrow.

The delegates hurried away from the convention hall.

FOSS TO ATTEND CONVENTION.

But Governor Will Take Degree From Vermont University First.

Boston, June 25.—Governor Eugene S. Foss, who refused to be a presidential aspirant at the April primaries, but whose name is expected to be presented to the Democratic convention by Sherman L. Whipple, started to-night for Baltimore by way of Burlington, Vt.

The excursion of Governor Foss to his native State is for the purpose of obtaining a degree to-morrow from the University of Vermont. Following the exercises, Governor Foss will make a leisurely trip up Lake Champlain, down the Hudson River, and then proceed to Baltimore. He expects to reach the convention city about the time the voting for the presidential nomination begins.

LOAD OF FEAR LIFTED FROM MINDS OF MANY DEMOCRATS

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work they must do would be surely detailed, and there is a haven of refuge for radical Democrats in the third party movement. The men who are trying to lead this convention are in a situation that demands not only a good knowledge of the principles and practice of politics, but that requires a fair amount of conscience and patience and party loyalty. And all they have to do to win, it seems certain, is to name a candidate who can hold the normal democratic vote, but to hold that vote they must name the right man, not a man wanted by a faction or by an interest, or by their own selfish, personal considerations.

His Stage Well Set.

The stage was well set for Mr. Bryan this morning. There never has been a prettier, lighter, airier or more comfortable convention hall than that provided by the people of Baltimore. The spectators were largely sympathetic. The acoustics were good. The dramatic was not lacking. There was plenty of enthusiasm. The scene was gorgeous, and the occasion, it was claimed by almost all of the speakers, was historic. What more could a peerless leader ask?

Owing to the extreme caution of the door tenders that none but ticket holders should get in, the hall was not filled at noon, when Chairman Mack went on the raised platform. He waited half an hour before he introduced Cardinal Gibbons, who in his scarlet robes, had been sitting on the platform. Everybody stood while the cardinal prayed, and everybody applauded when he had finished, which caused the cardinal to wonder whether the applause was for the invocation or for the ending.

Bryan to the Front.

Meantime, Mr. Bryan had been sitting on the platform, very white, very stern, and, unusual for him, palpably so. As soon as Chairman Mack told the delegates that he had been instructed by the national committee to present the name of Judge Parker for temporary chairman, Mr. Bryan stepped forward, nodded to Mack and him sufficiently. They cheered.

Bryan's speech was devoted to himself in the first part, to John W. Kern in the second and to himself in the third part. It was not so good a speech as Bryan has made on many occasions, but it was suitable to what he had in mind to do.

Senator Kern gave a very fair imitation of a man utterly surprised when Bryan named him as the man the Senators celebrated; but Bryan was observed to arise and make his way to the platform, torn, as it were, by the conflicting emotion to love and duty, and keeping the corner of the Senators' heads towards Tom Taggart, also of Indiana, who stood near Chairman Mack.

Mr. Bryan gave Senator Kern a very good recommendation, digressing, now and then, to call eloquent attention to the uplift movement now in progress in Turkey, and to the Chinese, Turks or Persian delegates in the convention, these reflections passed unnoticed.

Mr. Bryan made it clear he was fighting for a principle and to save the Democratic party from itself—his himself—and concluded, amid applause, with a stirring appeal to all Democrats to get in behind him and select Kern.

Pale, But Composed.

Kern was next. He was pale, but composed. He conveyed the unnecessary information that he had come from Indiana. His beard proves that he said this was all a surprise to him; that unaccustomed as he was to public speaking and not expecting to be called upon he would do the best he could, and the best he could do was to say he didn't know Mr. Bryan and him in mind when he began his eulogy of the perfect temporary chairman.

Having heard, for the first time, that he was the man, Senator Kern said he dearly loved Judge Parker, and, in order to secure harmony, he would withdraw and begged Judge Parker to do the same. Judge Parker, who sat on the aisle in the first row of the New York delegation, smiled sweetly and said nothing, nor did he withdraw. Thereupon, Mr. Kern strayed away and said some kind words for himself in his own convention might need a good, adaptable candidate for President, and quit.

Various speakers followed, including Theodore Bell, of California, who was the bell that tolled the temporary chairman at Denver in years ago. Mr. Bell gave permission and sanction to Bryan. Mr. Bell is a leader in California, and when he announced both he and California were for Parker it was thought to give an indication of the feelings of the Clark supporters. However, this thought did not hold good during the roll call, for, under the able partisan leadership of Senator Stone, of Missouri, the Clark forces managed to maintain a mastery position in the middle of the road on the question at issue; they straddled, to be exact.

The speakers were noisy and demonstrative, but the delegates seemed to have themselves well in hand.

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